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Now that Senator Hill has appeared on deck, we expect to hear him say something interesting about Grover.

The St. Louis "Republic" imagines it is having lots of fun in publishing articles that ridicule the new Republican congressmen.

A MAN in New York has a gold jaw. From the way some of the congressmen talk, one would think they had all been fitted with gold and silver jaws.

THERE is a man in St. Louis who furnishes stereotyped brains to country newspapers. Our friend across the street makes use of them in his editorial columns.

COURT DE LESSERS, the renowned Frenchman who conceived the Suez canal, and later tried to divide the American continent at Panama, died at Paris on the 7th inst.

Now that the gold fund has been replenished another raid has begun on it. It seems that there is a pre-concerted plan to keep the gold reserve down to low water mark.

In the Democrats try to make a change in the laws governing currency they will probably make a mess of it. Better let it alone and leave it for the Republican congress to tackle.

A statistical report shows that one-third of our population to day is found to be of foreign parentage. In the geographical distribution of this foreign blood, the report shows that in Missouri the Germans predominate.

DEMOCRATIC rule in Texas is evidently not a success, as the report of the State Comptroller shows that for the next two years there will be a deficit of about \$500,000. There will be no more beastly Democratic majorities in Texas.

This country ought to keep its nose out of the China-Japan squabble. Let it confine its efforts merely to protecting what small interests we have in those countries. China having been licked can now settle its troubles without the United States meddling.

SENATOR HILL showed up in the Senate last Monday for the first time since Congress met. The welcome he received when he entered the Senate chamber, shows that he is still a very popular man, in spite of his defeat for the New York Governorship.

THE Democrats are agitating themselves over what the Republicans are going to do with the tariff. The Republicans cannot do anything with the tariff as long as they only have control of the lower House, except to block any further attempts at reduction by the Democrats, and it was for just that purpose that the people turned down so many Democratic congressmen. The tariff law as it now stands, will have to remain, for it is not in the power of either party to change it. Should the Republicans again gain entire control of the Government in 1896, they will undoubtedly make such changes as are necessary for the welfare of our people and to raise revenues sufficient to keep the country from going into debt.

Our friend across the street wasted another half-column of his valuable(?) space upon our last week and told us more about our personal affairs than we knew of ourself. We would advise him to recall the little story about "Meddlesome Mattie" and lay its moral to heart lest he gets some of the stuff into his own eyes. The assertions he made last week, need no denials from us, the source from which they emanated sufficiently condemns them. We do not believe it would interest our readers to keep up a discussion of our personal affairs, and will, therefore, call a halt upon ourself. It would be giving those one-horse journalists who edit our friend's paper too much satisfaction to continue the discussion. When we corner them in one lie, they have another ready.

The trouble with our friend is that he is now in the "winter of his discontent," the cause of which is well set forth in a little poem entitled "Lines on 'Dick,'" which appears in another column.

SECRETARY CARLISLE says that the deficit for the year ending June 1896, will only be \$20,000,000, and is feeling good over it. With that amount on the wrong side of the ledger, there is nothing to feel good over.

ALL this talk about lack of elasticity in our currency is nonsense. What we want is elasticity in business and our currency will stretch itself accordingly. There is more money per capita in the country than ever before. That the Government can borrow \$50,000,000 at less than 3 per cent shows that there is plenty of idle capital seeking investment. The Government could have borrowed three times as much at the same rate. While industries are languishing money will not circulate no matter how much there is in the country or how elastic it may be. Our banks are full of idle capital to-day that is only awaiting a revival in trade, which will come as soon Congress quits monkeying with the tariff question and lets business have a basis of certainty to rest upon.

SENATOR MORGAN brought up a bill in the Senate last Monday, which calls for Government endorsement of \$100,000,000 of Nicaragua canal bonds. If the bill passes, the projectors of the canal will sell bonds for that amount and the Government will have to stand good for them and in the end pay them. The experience the Government has had with the Pacific Railroad bonds ought to make Congress a little chary about passing Senator Morgan's bill. It is estimated that the canal can be built for \$70,000,000, and if this is true, it ought not to be a difficult matter for the canal projectors to raise this amount by subscription, without Government endorsement. The projectors of the Panama canal scheme raised several times as much in France without Government aid.

THE State Supreme Court has declared that the present high-license law is unconstitutional so far as it applies to club houses having bar attachments. The members of a high-toned club in St. Louis brought about this decision because they did not want to pay the high license of the city and the matter was taken into court with the above mentioned result. It now appears that anyone who wishes to escape paying saloon license, need only open a club house and the law cannot reach him. It seems almost impossible for our legislators to frame a law that the courts will sustain in all its points. If the law applies to one class of liquor dealers it should apply to all. A man who sells liquor in a high-toned club house should be just as amenable as the man who sells it over the bar.

We publish the letter given below at the request of the party to whom it is addressed. The writer is evidently an observant man and gives some useful hints as to the future course the Republican party should pursue:

SALEM, Mo., Nov. 29, 1894.  
MR. BENNET BRYAN, Belgrade, Mo.  
My Dear Sir:

Your highly prized favor of the 20th inst is just received, having been forwarded from Stone Hill. At Stone Hill I found myself in a hole, along with the place, and so moved out to Salem.

You ask me to explain the cause of the avalanche that has fallen on the Democracy. Nothing is easier to be done, & we will go back a little in history. The Democracy is composed of two factions. Both are hateful, and hate one another more bitterly than either of them does the Republicans. Either of them will betray the other at every chance, and the best show for Republican success has always grown out of their quarrels. The present financial smash-up arose from our adherence to exploded ideas and worn out business methods.

Our nation has a rapid and uniform growth, so that one set of ideas only lasts 20 years. By 1892 the set of ideas which had heretofore obtained was completely worn out. The Republicans had got all that was in it. It was a completely sucked orange. The States Rights Democracy (Confederate) worships a dead past and is political Atheism. It framed the Chicago platform, which did not promise to do anything. It only

denounces Republicanism, and by creating a doubt in regard to everything that is, and a fear of everything that shall be, intensified the financial crash that was already waiting to come. The Republicans in 1892 knew this and made no serious effort to elect Harrison. The States Right Democracy had called down the storm, and the Republicans let them rush out into it. Such smash-ups always wreck the administration under which they occur. But for the Democracy it had been a long time between drinks, and the Chicago platform showed that party to be merely a bundle of negotiations held together by the cohesive power of public plunder. When they gained the power they smashed things. The election of '92 drove them to record. The National Democracy finding that the rule of the Secession element was worse for the Democratic party than Republicanism, stood back in '94 and allowed the Republicans to drive the Secessionists from power.

For example: In Missouri the two factions of the Democracy united are too strong for the Republicans, but we can whip either faction separately. The truth is that between a national Democrat and a Republican there is nothing that should keep them apart. Reasonable compromise will unite them on common ground.

The late avalanche was not so much a Republican triumph as a Democratic defeat. The battle that will settle Republican supremacy in 1896 has yet to be fought. We must permanently separate and antagonize the two Democratic factions. We have two years in which to do that and must begin soon. Tom Reel will be the Speaker of the next Congress. Let him in appointing committees give national Democrats at least equal consideration with Republicans, and to the same extent slur over the Confederate element. That will show that we are willing to give them credit for doing right and welcome them as allies. That was the policy Lincoln pursued with the Douglas Democrats. \* \* If Republicans would hold their gains let them be more kind to the national Democracy than the States rights faction of their own party is.

I am yours kindly,  
THOMAS CALAHAN.

#### Grover's Dream.

Grover had a dream the other evening, said a business friend to us recently. He dreamed he was dead, and his spirit took flight to the pearly gates. Arriving at the portals of the heavenly paradise, he knocked. St. Peter answered the call.

"Who comes?" asked St. Peter. "Grover Cleveland, late President of the United States, knocks for admission to Heaven," replied Grover.

"Grover Cleveland, President of the United States?" queried Peter in some surprise; "we have no knowledge of him here. But wait a minute, I will look at the books."

St. Peter turned to the books while Grover shook with fear and trembling at the portals to hear the result of the examination.

"No," sadly replied St. Peter, "your name is not on the books. You can't come in Grover."

With great disappointment and a sad heart, Grover turned his back to Heaven and commenced the descent down the hill he had just climbed so full of hope and delightful expectations.

He had gotten partly down the hill when he met a pilgrim on his way up hill to Heaven, whose face was radiant with hope and sunshine.

Grover recognized his face as that of William McKinley, and making bold he addressed him.

"Is this William McKinley?"

"Yes Grover."

"I have just come down from the gate, McKinley. St. Peter refused me admission—had never heard of me. You will hardly get in. It will go as heavy with you as with me."

"Not so, Grover. I have in nothing wronged my fellow men. I feel sure of admission within. St. Peter will, I am certain, have heard of me and will admit me."

"Can't some arrangement be made for me to sneak in with you, Bill? Suppose I get down on all fours and you get on my back and ride up to the gate and knock for admission, and if you are admitted you shall ride me through the pearly portals, and then we'll both be in."

"Agreed," said McKinley.

Grover got down on all fours and McKinley mounted and rode him up to the pearly gates and knocked. St. Peter called:

"Who comes?"

"McKinley."

"Ah, yes; William McKinley, Governor of Ohio. We have heard of you. Your record stands well here. I see you have ridden up hill. Hitch your ass outside, and enter in among the blessed, Governor."—Portsmouth "Blade."

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#### Other Exchange Clippings.

Sam R. Parlin, a well known Des Moines attorney, was arrested by the marshal on Saturday last for flourishing his gun rather prominently along Main street. He had to be forcibly ejected from the Commercial Hotel saloon. He also pulled his gun on Charles Belshar, the Main street merchant, and thrust it in his face. The marshal took Mr. Parlin's bond for his appearance in court. Southeast "Gazette."

The Derby Lead Co. commenced on Wednesday of last week to sink a shaft on their rich tract of land, and the work will be pushed from this on. They intend to erect a fine mill of several hundred tons capacity and operate on a large scale. Within a year they expect to have the mill in running order if they meet with no mishaps. George J. Cole, the secretary, has the management of the work, and he is very sanguine of success.

The Derby lands are among the most promising of any of the lead lands in this county.—Farmington "Times."

A flutter of excitement was created in the Farmington Circuit Court on November 23d. Judge William Carter presiding, just at the close of the trial of a misdemeanor case, in which State Senator Burks and J. R. Burks appeared for the defendant. The jury had given a verdict against their client and the Messrs. Burks claim there had been no formal arraignment in the case. Prosecuting Attorney Abernathy maintained that the proceedings had been regular. Hot words ensued. Finally Senator Burks sprang to his feet, drew his knife and with a great oath proceeded to make carbonado of Mr. Abernathy. Other members of the bar interfered to prevent bloodshed, and Judge Carter imposed a fine of \$5 against each of the Messrs. Burks. Senator Burks swore he would neither pay a fine or go to jail and the matter still remains unsettled.—Post Dispatch.

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